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Chapter
第16話

LOOK!
SUBARU!
WHAT IT IS, ASAHI?
ONE OF THE VILLAGERS... UM... NAGANE-SAN, I THINK, HELPED ME MAKE ME THIS.
ISN'T IT NEAT? IT WAS MY FIRST TIME SEEING GLASS MOLDED.
THOUGH, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT IT YET...
PLUS YOU ALREADY HAVE A PRETTY ORNAMENT, SO I GUESS YOU WON'T WANT THIS.
HUH? IT'S FOR ME?
YUP!
ASAHI?
I SEE, LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD FUN.

THANKS, THAT MEANS A LOT.
SUIJIN! THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!
blush
WHAT IS IT? SOME KIND OF OFFERING OF POOR QUALITY?
IT'S ALL TWISTED.

ASAHI MADE IT, YOU KNOW.
WHAT..?
IS THAT SO... SHE ISN'T VERY EXPERIENCED
I'VE NO NEED FOR IT.
OH. OK...

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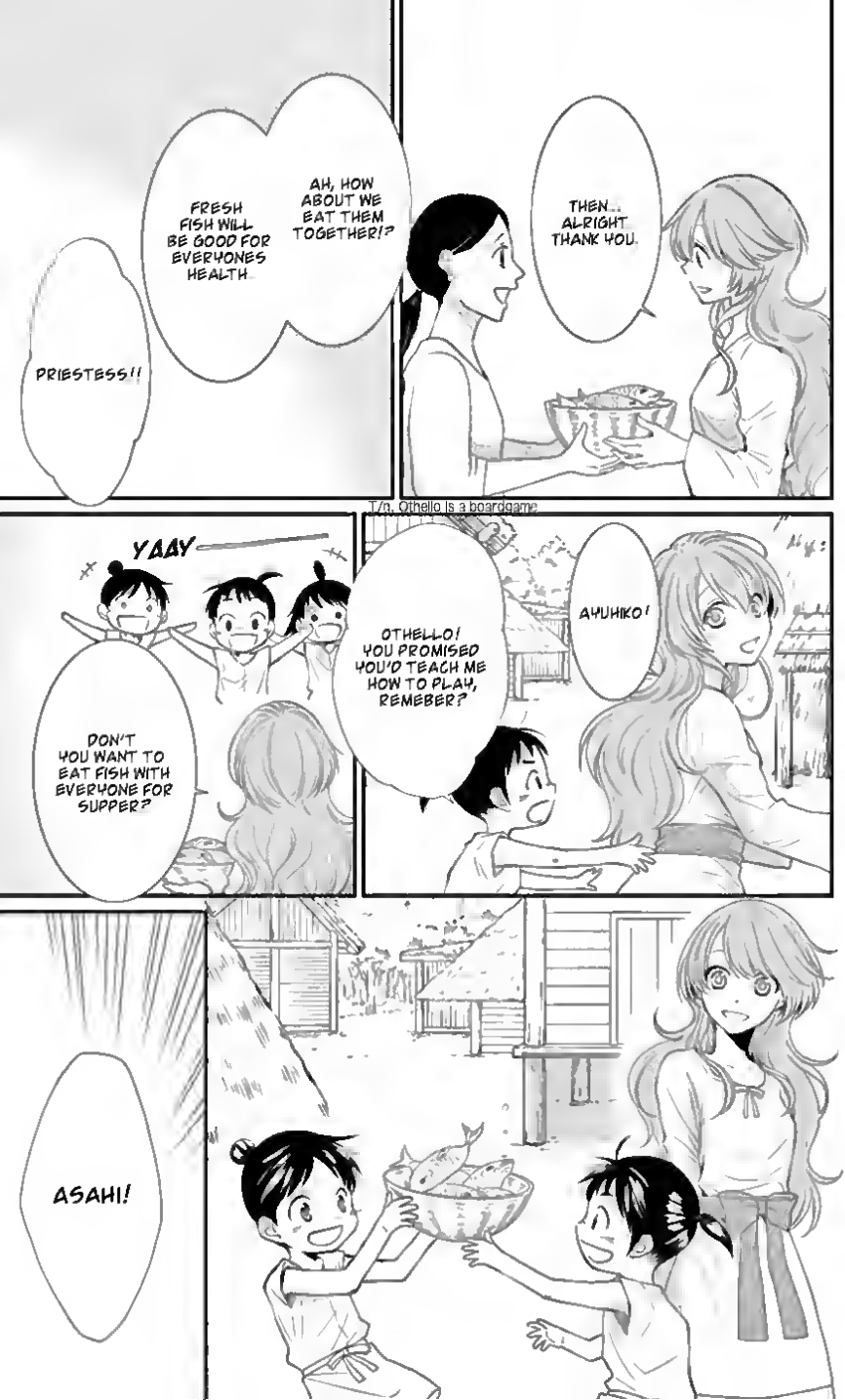
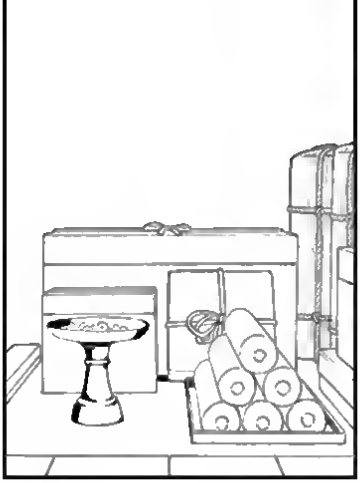
IF YOU'RE GIVING ME SOMETHING, THAT MUST MEAN YOU WANT SOMETHING IN RETURN. WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT IS IT YOU WISH FROM ME?
NOTHING. FINE! I'LL KEEP IT FOR MYSELF.
TAKE THIS. IT'S ONLY FISH, BUT PLEASE ENJOY THEM FOR SUPPER.
HUH? BUT...
PRIESTESS!
GO AHEAD AND TAKE THEM
IT'S THEIR WAY OF SAYING THANKS.


THEN... ALRIGHT THANK YOU.
AH, HOW ABOUT WE EAT THEM TOGETHER!?
FRESH FISH WILL BE GOOD FOR EVERYONES HEALTH.
PRIESTESS!!
T/n. Othello is a boardgame
AYUHIKO!
OTHELLO! YOU PROMISED YOU'D TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY, REMEBER?
YAAY
DON'T YOU WANT TO EAT FISH WITH EVERYONE FOR SUPPER?
ASAHI!



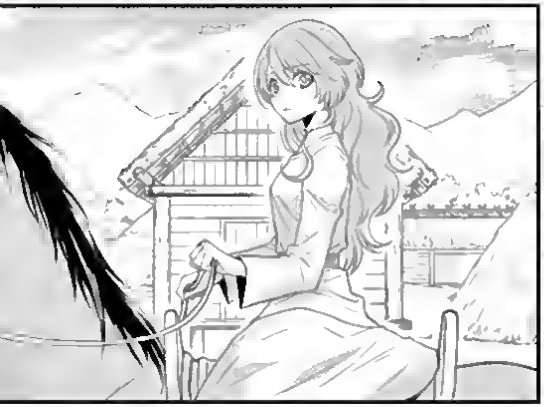
TSUKIHIKO?
ASAHI-SAMA, LISTEN TO THIS...

IT WAS SENT BY THE COUNTRY OF NAGA'S KING
NAGA?
THE PLACE WE FLEW TO THE OTHER DAY.
FROM THE KING... BUT, WHY?

WHAT IS ALL THIS?

THE KING WISHES TO MEET WITH THE WATER PRIESTESS.
LET US LEAVE FOR THE CAPTIAL OF NAGA AT ONCE.
I SEE. I WILL RELAY THIS TO THE KING.
SHE CAN'T JUST UP AND LEAVE THIS VERY MOMENT.

IT WOULD SEEM YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO.

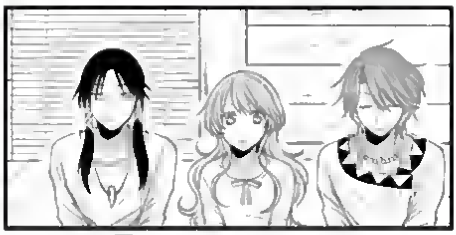


Tell me that this isn't just a meet and greet...
But the looks on the villagers faces as they say goodbye...
PRIESTESS PLEASE BE CAREFULL...!

Hopefully, this way we can avoid a war...
over power between countries.

SO YOU ARE THE PRIESTESS OF THE WATER GOD
Is this country's king!?
This small child...
A young boy...

I HAVE INVITED YOU HERE AFTER HEARING THE RUMOUS ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS POWER YOU HOLD.
LEND ME THIS POWER OF YOURS.
YOUR HIGHNESS...
I DO NOT HAVE THESE POWERS YOU SPEAK OF.
enters
PRIESTESS.
IT'S NOT A LIE!
YOU LIE.



THERES NOONE ELSE TRAVELLING WITH YOU?

PERHAPS A HANDSOME GENTLEMAN WITH GREAT HAIR?
HUH?

HAHA.. AFTER ALL, IT'S IN A HUMANS NATURE TO DESIRE MORE POWER.
I HAD INDEED FELT THE PRESENCE OF A HUMAN WATCHING US WHEN WE WERE IN THE MOUNTAIN
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT

OH... NOTHING...
WHAT IS IT, PRIESTESS OF WATER?

I'LL BE EXPECTING A PLEASING RESONSE FROM YOU.

I'LL ADMIT SHE HAS A STRANGE APPEARANCE HOWEVER, DOES SHE REALLY HAVE ANY POWERS?

WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
ACCORDING TO OUR PRIESTESS...
IT'S QUITE LIKELY THAT THE PERSON WHO WAS BY HER SIDE IN THE MOUNTAIN IS THE ONE WITH THE POWER...
B- BUT, IF THAT WAS INDEED A GOD IN HUMAN FORM, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT GIRL IS SPECIAL.
STEAM
IF HE'S NOT BY HER SIDE NOW THEN THERE ISN'T ANY MEANING TO ANY OF THIS!
WHY NOT CHOOSE ME... TO STAY AT MY SIDE INSTEAD... HOW VEXING THIS IS...!
TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GOD, TO HAVE SUCH A PRIVILAGE...!

I've been inspired...!
Alright, I understand... Settle down...
HOWEVER, WHY MUST I ASK THIS OF THEM!?
I AM THE KING!!
IF I SAY I WANT SOMETHING, IT SHALL BE MINE!
BUT, YOUR HIGHNESS, WE HAVE YET TO UNDERSTAND THE POWERS THAT THE PRIESTESS AND THE GOD MAY HOLD.
WE MUST GO ABOUT THIS CAREFULLY.
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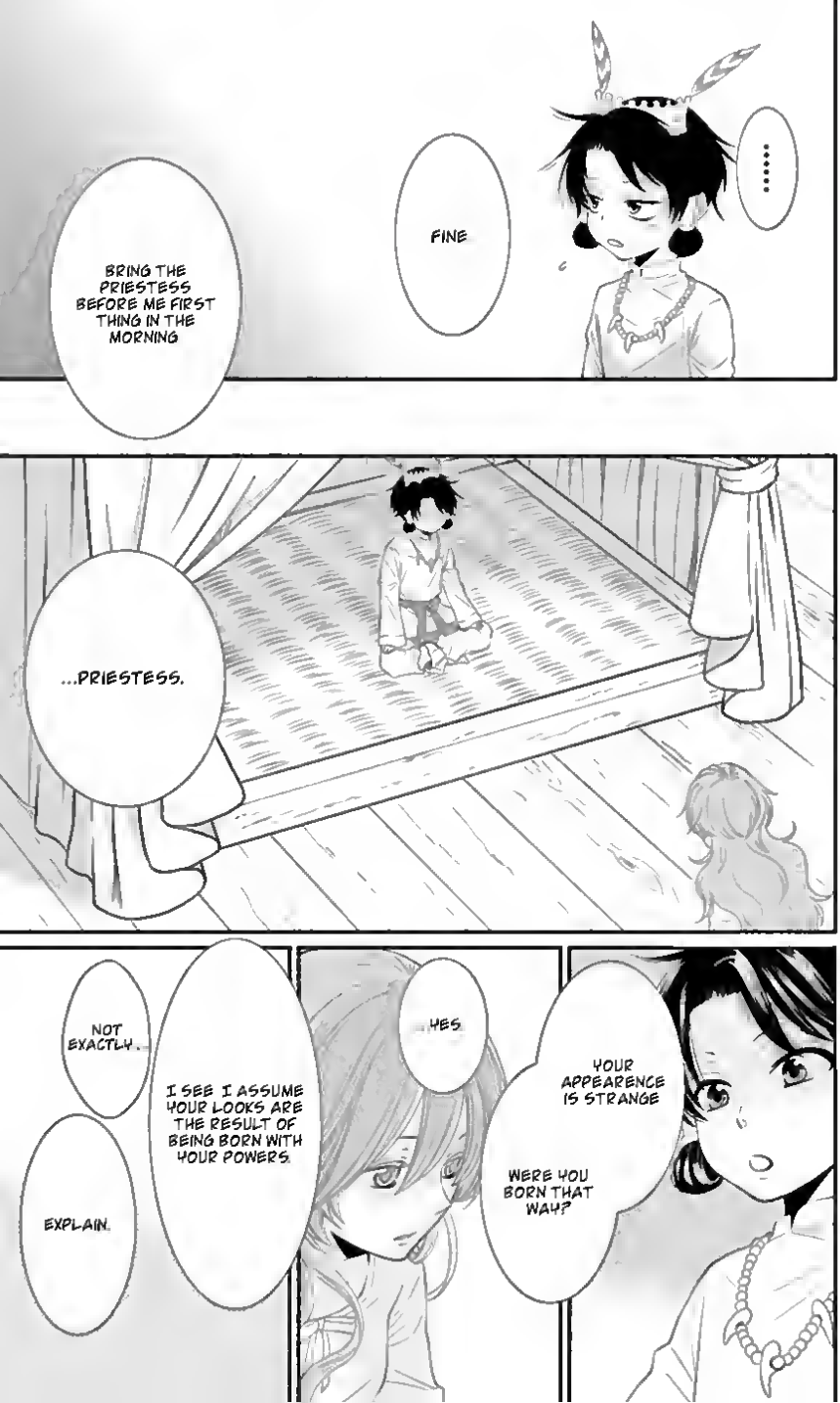
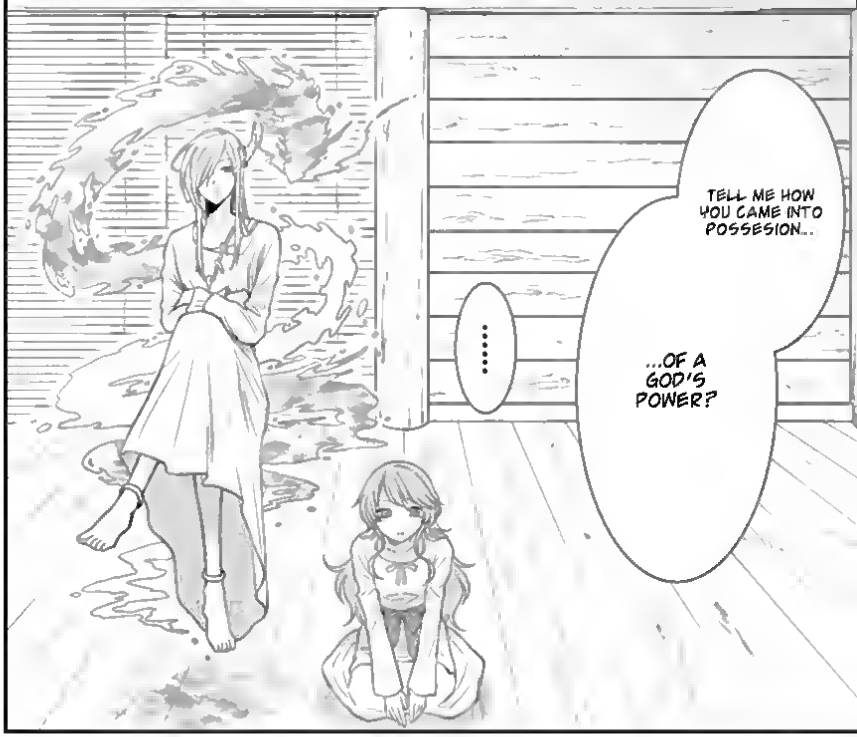

BRING THE PRIESTESS BEFORE ME FIRST THING IN THE MORNING
FINE
.....
...PRIESTESS.
YES.
YOUR APPEARENCE IS STRANGE
WERE YOU BORN THAT WAY?
I SEE I ASSUME YOUR LOOKS ARE THE RESULT OF BEING BORN WITH YOUR POWERS.
NOT EXACTLY.
EXPLAIN.


TELL ME HOW YOU CAME INTO POSSESION..
...OF A GOD'S POWER?
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YOU DARE LIE TO ME!!
THIS GIRL ...AGAIN!
I HAVE NO SUCH POWER
THAT CAN BE USED AT MY OWN WILL

THAT'S NOT IT!
YOU MAKE LIGHT OF ME BECAUSE I'M STILL A CHILD!
TCH
I AM...!
THEN WHY ARE YOU CALLED "THE PRIESTESS OF WATER"!? YOU MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF POWER!!
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH... I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF POWER...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN, KEEPING IT ALL TO YOURSELF!?
NOTHING! I HAVEN'T PLANNED ANYTHING!

STAND DOWN!
UNTIL YOU AGREE TO LEND ME THIS POWER... UNTIL YOUR TRUE INTENTIONS ARE REVEALED...
YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THIS PALACE!

YOU'RE IN A BIT OF A BIND, HUH?
YOU CAN'T!
IT'D BE A REAL PAIN IN THE NECK, BUT IF YOU PREFER, I COULD JUST WASH THIS WHOLE PLACE AWAY.

What a terrible thing to suggest.
sigh
But I know you won't actually do it...
Because if you had wanted to, it would have already been done.
I'm sure you'd rather kill time watching this all play out.
sighh
it'd be too easy.

What should I do...
Everyone here believes in their gods.
"God" my butt...
This god...
If they knew how this god really was, surely noone would revere him.
SIGH...
PRIESTESS... ARE YOU AWAKE?

THE KING CALLS FOR YOU. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME.
PRIESTESS!
PLEASE HELP US!

...HUH?
...HA
...HA
WHA... WHAT'S WRONG!?
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S SUFFERING!

THE KING IS SICK. HE IS GENERALLY QUITE HEALTHY, BUT...
FROM TIME TO TIME HE SUFFERS LIKE SO.
PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU...
PLEASE REMOVE HIS ILNESS!
WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR HIS HEALTH.
YET HE CONTINUES TO FALL ILL.
LEND US YOUR AID!
PLEASE FOR OUR KING, FOR OUR COUNRTY...!

pant
pant
pant
THIS IS...
pant
PRIES
TESS

DRINK IT SLOWLY.
...WATER!
AH... SURE!
OKAY.
OPEN A WINDOW.
PUT OUT THE FLAME. LET THE SMOKE AIR OUT.
BREATHE THROUGH YOUR STOMACHE.

YOUR HIGHNESS...
THANKS TO YOU MY INLESS HAS...
FOR YOUR HELP LAST NIGHT, YOU HAVE MY THANKS.
JUMP
STILL, IN AN INSTANT I FELT MUCH BETTER!
I SEE.
YOUR ILLNESS HAS NOT BEEN CURED.
GLOOM
AS A CHILD.
STILL...!
IT WASN'T THE POWER OF THE WATER GOD.
GLOOM

A FRIEND OF MINE HAD THE SAME PROBLEM.
I REMEMBERED HOW MY MOTHER NURSED MY FRIEND AND DID THE SAME.
YOUR MOTHER... HUH.
...I SEE.
For such a young king...
It would seem he has noone to call mother or father...
His parents, aren't around...

Yesterday he really seemed to be suffering.
Even at a time like that...
There was noone to come running and hold him, care for him.
I pity him.
Seeing that side of him,
When I was alone and helpless in the dark forest, all I could do was cry.
But he's a lot stronger than I was.

Ha Ha Ha Ha!
YOU CALLED ME OVER HERE TO HEAR MY RESPONSE
REGARDING THE WATER GODS POWER, CORRECT?

A FOOLISH ONE.
HOWEVER, THE KING BEFORE ME IS JUST A SMALL CHILD.
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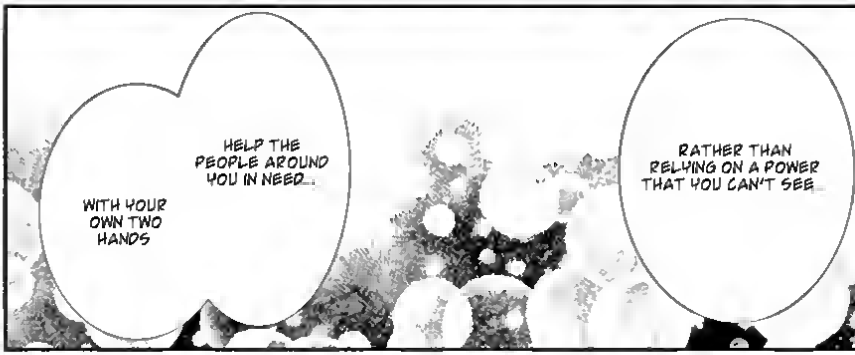
ah ha ha ha
STUPID AND FOOLISH
IS UTTER NONSENSE
FOR MERE HUMANS TO THINK THEY CAN WEILD A GODS POWER AS THEY PLEASE

...WH-
WHAT!?
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT!?
FFT
FORGIVE ME FOR MY RUDENESS JUST NOW, YOUR HIGHNESS.
HOWEVER, IF THE WATER GOD COULD SPEAK FOR HIMSELF, THAT IS WHAT HE WOULD SAY.

PEOPLE CAN NOT WEILD THE POWER OF A GOD, HOWEVER...
EACH PERSON HAS THE ABILITY TO REACH OUT...
AND HELP ONE ANOTHER.


RATHER THAN RELYING ON A POWER THAT YOU CAN'T SEE
HELP THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU IN NEED...
WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS

IF EACH OF US HELD OUT A HAND FOR SOMEONE IN NEED
IT WOULD BE ENOUGH.

THE ONLY HANDS I CAN OFFER YOUR HIGHNESS...
ARE MY OWN TWO HANDS.
THE HANDS OF THE WATER GOD
ARE NOT HANDS THAT YOU CAN TAKE HOLD OF.

WHEN YOUR HIGHNESS FEELS SICK, I CAN RUB YOUR BACK
AND IF YOU'RE SAD, I CAN HOLD YOUR HAND
THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO HANDS
...I'VE GOT.

YOUR HIGHNESS...!
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LET THEM LEAVE LIKE THIS!?
I'M POSITIVE THAT GIRL IS...
SILENCE!
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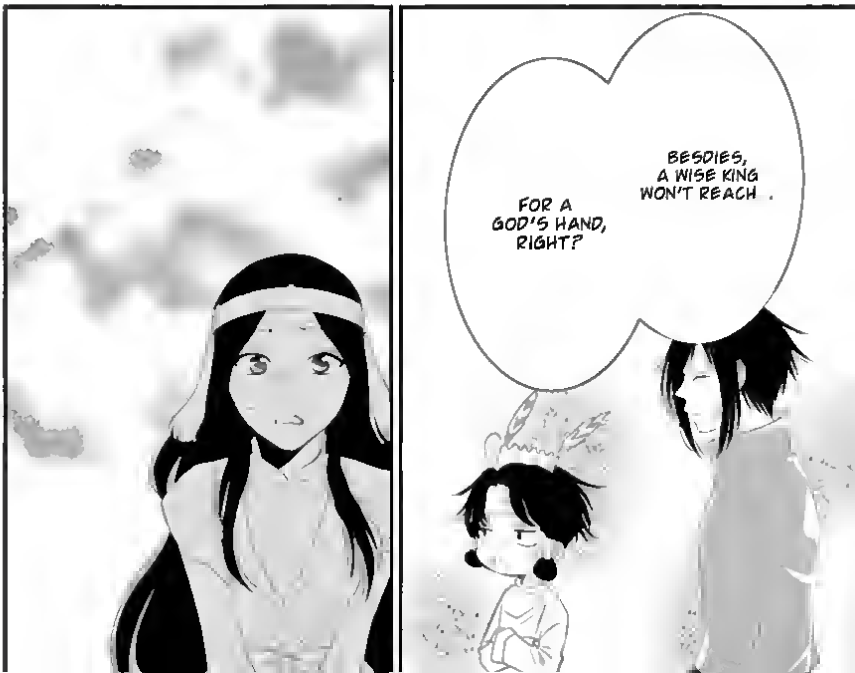
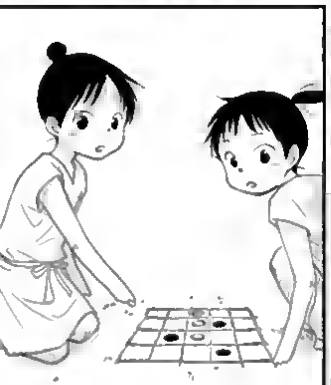
I AM THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY!
IF I SAY THEY CAN LEAVE, THEY CAN LEAVE.


BESIDES, A WISE KING WON'T REACH .
FOR A GOD'S HAND, RIGHT?

I have a place I can return to.

A place where I must rely on my own power to survive.

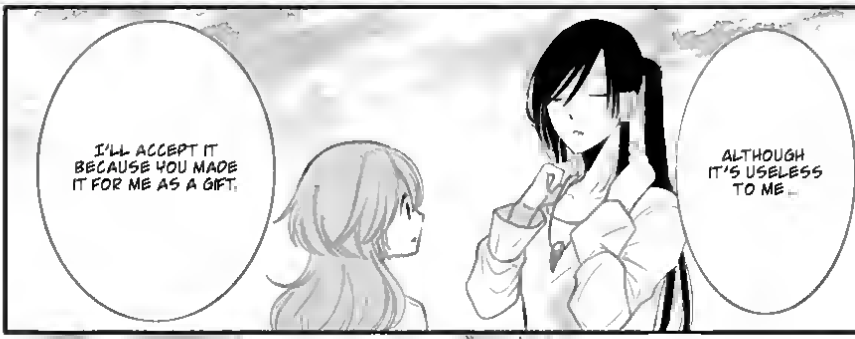


And so, I've returned...
to the second place I call home.

on my own two feet.
A place I returned to.

PRIESTESS! LET'S PLAY OTHELLO!

I'LL TAKE THIS.


I'LL ACCEPT IT BECAUSE YOU MADE IT FOR ME AS A GIFT.
ALTHOUGH IT'S USELESS TO ME...

RIGHT?

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